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The Honorable William E. Colby
Director
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

We have asked one of our members, Mr. William Clothier, to convey an invitation to you to talk on an off-the-record basis to our group.

As you may know, our Committee is an affiliate of the Council on Foreign Relations. Our membership is composed of business, professional, and academic leaders in the Philadelphia area. We hold informal meetings from time to time to discuss current foreign policy issues.

In 1969 Richard Helms visited us to discuss "Intelligence in American Society." We would be very pleased if you could spend an evening with us to discuss the current activities and policies of the C.I.A.

Our group meets at the Philadelphia Club, 13th and Walnut Streets, with cocktails beginning at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M. We always adjourn promptly at 9:00 P.M. which would allow you to return to Washington that evening. (There is a 9:40 P.M. Metroliner from Philadelphia.) We would, of course, be glad to make hotel arrangements for you if you prefer to spend the night in Philadelphia.

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Our format is quite similar to that of the Council's meetings. Our guests normally speak informally for 20-30 minutes on an off-the-record basis and then throw the meeting open for questions and discussion. There will be no need for you to prepare your remarks in advance.

We could schedule a meeting on any weekday night convenient to you with the exception of holiday evenings and the eve of major holidays.

In all likelihood, some of our members are already known to you and we would hope that you would find an evening with our group to be interesting and stimulating. We sincerely hope you might be able to accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,



Charles S. Gance
Secretary

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P.S. We note that you will be speaking to the Council on December 16th on the topic "American Foreign Intelligence." While one or two of our members might be attending this meeting in New York, it would be quite appropriate to discuss the same topic in Philadelphia if you choose to do so.

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Remarks:

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